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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Lawmakers are authorizing the state to move the headquarters of the California Board of Equalization out of a **Sacramento office tower that has been plagued with problems**.

Democratic Assemblyman Roger Dickinson of Sacramento says window glass has fallen from the building, its elevators plummet for no reason, and water often pours into work spaces.

The state has spent \$60 million repairing it, but up to \$159 million more is needed. Dickinson told the Assembly on Thursday that it's time for the state to "cut our losses, to stop wasting taxpayers' money" and protect the building's 2,200 workers.

Lawmakers approved AB1656 on a 66-0 vote Thursday, sending it to the Senate.

It authorizes the state to start planning for a new headquarters that will consolidate the main office and four satellites.

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